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TURKISH COAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS

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A decline of 17,745 tons has occurred in the amount of salable lignite produced. The reason for this is that up to last year, there was no lignite-washing machinery, and the lignite was shipped directly from the mine. However, this year, washing machinery was installed and is now in use. This washed lignite is of higher quality than the unwashed type, but it can not be produced as rapidly. The decline in production, however, was not reflected on the market, since this year's lignite shipments to consumption areas exceeded last year's figure by 16,503 tons.

We are making simultaneous efforts to increase production and reduce consumption of coal in Turkey, and to the latter end, we are planning to use unrefined petroleum from the Raman and Batman petroleum deposits to furnish power for all industrial establishments in the eastern regions of Turkey. We are also taking measures to insure that all lines of the State Railways will use unrefined petroleum in place of coal. A significant savings in coal will be made at the end of 1953 when certain equipment ordered from abroad arrives, enabling the State Railways to begin immediate use of unrefined petroleum. We have also contacted lignite-mine operators recently in an effort to determine their technical and financial needs with a view toward increasing lignite production.

The possibility of deriving benefits from coal through production of nylon is dependent on development of our chemical industry and on the possibilities of financing such a large establishment.

Foundations for the coal-washing machinery which will be installed at the Zonguldak basin are almost completed. Due to a steel shortage, a delay has occurred in the construction of coal-washing equipment which has been ordered from England.

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